services in the UT etc. In addition, pay scales are revised/determined on the basis of recommendations of successive Pay Commissions, constituted for this purpose. In case of Pondicherry Fire Service personnel, even pre-revised scales were less than their counter-parts under Delhi Administration.

After receipt of communications, as referred to above, the matter was examined UT Administration have been asked to clarify certain points and furnish full details.

Grant of cash compensatory support for export of Indian system of medicines

2419. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while allopathic drugs are given 15 per cent Cash Compensatory Support and 3 per cent Duty Draw Back on their exports, Indian medicines i.e. Ayurvedic, Unani and Sidha are denied Cash Compensatory Support;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for discouragement to Indian system of medicine in comparison to allopathic system of medicines in exports; and

(c) whether Government propose to grant 15 per cent Cash Compensatory Support for Export of Indian system of medicines also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Cash Compensatory Support @15% is at present admissible on export of drugs and drug intermediates, except those appearing in the negative list. No Cash Compensatory Support is presently available to Ayurvedic/Unani/Sidha medicines.

(b) Cash Compensatory Support for export of a product is related to the extent of unrebated indirect taxes and various disadvantages suffered by the product and is determined on the basis of representative cost data from the industry. No cash compensatory support could be fixed on export of Ayurvedic, Unani and Sidha medicines for want of adequate and representative cost data.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

News-item captioned "Crime without punishment"

2420. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article published in the *Indian Express* of the 9th October, 1988 under the heading "Crime without punishment";

(b) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police refused to register a case under the Dowry Prohibition Act on the complaint filed on the 16th August, 1988 in respect of harassment, torture and threat to life of a lady doctor of Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action Government propose to take in the matter; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to revamp/streamline the working of Dowry Cell?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) On 17.10.88 information was received from Police Control Room that Dr. Sangeeta Jain of Lady Hardinge College Hostel had committed suicide. Case FIR No. 299 dated 17.10.88 u/s 304-B IPC was registered at PS Mandir Marg. Dr. Virender Jain, husband of the deceased, was arrested on 22.10.88.

(d) Crime (Women) Cell of Delhi Police was established in 1983. Its working has already been streamlined.

Bank frauds

2421. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Reserve Bank of India, the total number of fraud cases in the commercial banks had registered a rise by over 4 per cent during 1987 despite paying special attention to prevent them;

(b) if so, what is the total number of frauds during 1986, 1987 and 1988 (upto June);

(c) what is the total amount involved in such frauds year-wise; and

(d) what steps have been taken by the commercial banks to reduce frauds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) According to Reserve Bank of India, the total number of cases of bank frauds within the country and amount involved therein in 28 public sector banks during the years 1986, 1987 and 1988 (upto 30.6.88) as reported to it by them, is as indicated below:

Year	No. of frauds	Amount involved (Rs. in crores)
1986. . .	1823	44.42
1987. . .	1902	40.84
1988. . . (upto 30-6-88)	900	12.22

(Data provisional)

(d) Banks have books of instructions indicating precautions/checks which their staff should observe to prevent occurrence or recurrence of frauds. Steps are being taken by the banks to:

(1) strengthen the control mechanism including the internal audit/inspection machinery in order to eliminate the scope for fraud and malpractices;

(2) initiate action to inflict punishment befitting the seriousness of irregularities committed by the employees;

(3) ensure quicker disposal of departmental enquiries,

(4) review and revamp the vigilance machinery in the banks,

(5) take steps to tone up the control and supervision,

(6) strengthen the Management Information system; and

(7) follow up of inspection/audit arrangements for clearing arrears in balancing of books and reconciliation of accounts on continuous basis.

Trade between India and G.D.R.

2422. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any agreement with the German Democratic